

**I. Amendments to the Specification:**

**Please replace paragraph 39 (page 4, lines 29-33) with the following amended paragraph:**

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[39] Referring first to Fig.1, an exploded front side perspective view of the present stackable interlocking intervertebral support system 5 is provided. In one preferred arrangement, system 5 comprises a center portion 10, a bottom portion 20A and a top portion 20B. (As will be explained, other arrangements are possible). As can be seen throughout the attached Figs., portions 20A and 20B may preferably be identical in shape and size. Accordingly, the present system 5 may actually comprise one center portion 10 and two top/bottom portions 20.

**Please replace paragraph 42 (page 5, lines 12-15) with the following amended paragraph:**

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[42] Also referring to the attached Figs., (and to Figs. 13 to 16 in particular), bottom portion 20A is also ~~proved~~ provided with a top recess 21A. (Conversely, being identically shaped to bottom portion 20A, top portion 20B is also provided with a bottom recess 21B).

**Please replace paragraph 45 (page 5, lines 29-33) with the following amended paragraph:**

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[45] Moreover, the angles at which recesses 11 and 21 cut laterally across portions 10 and 20 can be angled as ~~shown~~ denoted by angle "ALPHA" in Fig. 9B (for center portion 10). As such, when stacked together, the angles between each of the 4 "arms" of the "X" of the present assembly need not be perpendicular to one another. (For example, 2 pairs of arms may be 60° apart, with the other 2 pairs of arms being 120° apart).